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In re:

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REQUEST FOR RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE LICENSE

Sir:

A Petition for Retroactive License Under 37 CFR §5.25 was filed in the subject application on June 11, 2001. To date, no response (other than the postcard receipt) has been received from the PTO.

It is requested that the PTO act upon the Petition and issue a decision as promptly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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